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5. (Amended) The fusion protein according to claim 1, wherein said linker peptide is provided with a member of an affinity binding pair so as to enable the binding of said fusion protein to the solid phase.

18. (Amended) A fusion protein presenting epitopes of at least two autoantigens selected from the group consisting of glutamic acid decarboxylase (GAD65), islet cell antigen (IA2), and preproinsulin, wherein said fusion protein comprises a label and a linker peptide wherein said linker peptide is selected from the group consisting of KKKRPRKKK (SEQ ID NO:2) and KKKRSRKKK (SEQ ID NO:4).
